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SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST WEEK
(FEB. 17-FEB. 21, 1975)

1. SUMMARY. COMMISSION UNDER CHAIRMAN SINGH HAS ATTACKED
AGENDA ITEMS IN BUSINESSLIKE MANNER. GENERAL TONE IS AFFIRMA-
TIVE AND CONSENSUS DEVELOPING IN ACCORD WITH US POSITION ON
VARIOUS TOPICS. END SUMMARY.

2. DND REPORT. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON NEED FOR BETTER COOR-
DINATION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND FOR
EARLY EFFECTUATION OF CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.
FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE OPENED DISCUSSION POINTING OUT TIMING
CONFLICTS OF PAST NARCOTIC MEETINGS AND URGED THEY BE AVOIDED.
UK REPRESENTATIVE NOTED DIFFICULTY OF SYG ENSURING COORDINA-
TION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL DURG MEETINGS BECAUSE OF PLETHORA
OF INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS NOT UNDER HIS CONTROL, BUT THOUGHT
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HE COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN LOOKING CLOSELY AT JUSTIFICATION

FOR MEETINGS WITHIN UN SYSTEM AND INCIRCULATING INFORMATION ABOUT MEETINGS TO ALL INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS. CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED PREPARATION OF REPORT ON NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, FINANCED EITHER FROM THEIR OWN FUNDS OR FROM UNFDAC FUNDS.

3. PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION. SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE DE- PLORED LACK OF SUFFICIENT RATIFICATION TO BRING PSYCHO- TROPIC CONVENTION INTO FORCE. HE NOTED MANY PRODUCERS OF NATURAL NARCOTICS HAVE RATIFIED SINGLE CONVENTION, AND "COULD NOT UNDERSTAND DELAY" OF COUNTRIES MANUFACTURING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES IN RATIFYING RELATED CONVENTION. HE DID NOT FAVOR NEW RESOLUTION ON SUBJECT BUT EXPRESSED HOPE COMMISSION DEBATE WOULD INFLUENCE DELEGATES TO PRESS FOR RATIFICATION. USSR REPRESENTATIVE STATED HIS GOVERN- MENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONVENTION ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET RATIFIED. INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED PRE- LIMINARY RATIFICATION PROCEDURES ARE UNDER WAY. HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED RATIFICATION UNDER CONSIDERATION. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE'S INTERVENTION STATED AGREEMENT WITH NEED TO CONTROL PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, WELCOMED NEW RATIFICATIONS AND EXPLAINED USG IS MOVING TOWARD RATI- FICATION. HE NOTED RECEIPT OF ENCOURAGING ASSURANCES OF ACTION BY OUR NEWLY ELECTED CONGRESS. HE OBSERVED THAT MEANWHILE, OUR NATIONAL LAW IN FACT DOES CONTROL THOSE SUBSTANCES; THAT THEIR PRODUCTION HAS BEEN REDUCED; AND THAT USG IS VOLUNTARILY REPORTING PSYCHOTROPIC STATISTICS TO INCB PURSUANT TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION.

4. PROPIRAM. THE COMMISSION AGREED WITHOUT DISSENT TO THE FRG REQUEST TO AMEND SCHEDULE III TO THE SINGLE CON- VENTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PREPARATIONS OF PROPIRAM.

5. UN FUND FOR DRG ABUSE CONTROL. GENERAL TONE OF DEBATE, WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENTS BY 24 GOVERNMENT AND 4 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES, MORE AFFIRMA- TIVE TOWARDS FUND THAN AT PAST SESSION. IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED SEPTEL, MOST SPEAKERS CONGRA- TULATED ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON REPORT OF OPERATIONS AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH WORK OF FUND SO FAR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAILAND REPRESENTATIVE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS OF UNFDAC/THAI PROGRAM, NOTED MARKETING CONSULTATNT SCHEDULED JOIN PROJECT SHORTLY, AND ANNOUNCED RTG WILL INCREASE AMOUNT OWN CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT LATER THIS YEAR. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED SATIS-

FACTION WITH MEASURES ENVISAGED FOR ASSISTING TURKISH CONTROLS AND STATED FULL CONFIDENCE IN ACTING EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP TURKEY ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN HER EFFORTS. TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN GOT AND UN MISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THEY WILL ASSIST TURKISH SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE NOTED FUND WELL LAUNCHED AND OUTLINE OF AREA OF POTENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT NOW CLEAR. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT INCREASING FUND INTEREST IN REDUCING DEMAND AND PROMOTING TREATMENT, OBSERVING THESE POTENTIALLY MOST IMPORTANT LONG TERM ACCOMPLISHMENTS. UK REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER MANAGEMENT OF FUND, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO ONE PERSON HOLDING POSITIONS AS DIRECTOR DIVISION NARCOTIC DRUGS AND ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC DESPITE PLANNED ORGANIZATION SEPARATING FUNCTIONS. HE ASKED HOW COULD DND ADVISE FUND WHEN BOTH HEADED BY SAME PERSON. DR. MARTENS REPLIED THAT WHEN DND MENTIONED IN CONTEXT OF ADVISER TO FUND, IT MEANS GROUP OF SPECIALISTS ON DND STAFF, WHICH ANY HEAD OF DND WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT. UK REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH RESPONSE, SO ON SUGGESTION OF CHAIRMAN SUPPORTED BY US REP INTERVENTION AND AGREED TO BY UK REP, SUBJECT WAS MADE MATTER OF RECORD FOR CONSIDERATION BY SYG.

6. LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBED REPORT AS EXCELLENT, EMPHASIZED INTEREST IN CONTROLLING HASHISH AND REQUESTED ARAB STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUND. CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ALSO URGED OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE AND SUGGESTED FUND HELP IMPROVE COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES. PAKISTAN REPRESENTATIVE THANKED FUND FOR PROMPT RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, STATED GOP/UNFDAC SET TO LAUNCH WELL PLANNED CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IN BUNER AREA. INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE THROUGHOUT FUND MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHORT LIFESPAN. HE NOTED THAT CND GUIDELINES BEING FOLLOWED AND NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BEING MET. HE RENEWED OFFER OF INDIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON DRUG CONTROL. US REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS OF FUND SO FAR, STRESSED AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND, IN CONFIRMING US ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION, URGED INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

7. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, CANNABIS, KHAT, AND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CANNABIS OFFERED BY FRG WERE DISCUSSED TOGETHER BY THE COMMISSION. DISCUSSION GENERALLY CONCERNED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND THERE WAS UNANIMOUS PRAISE FOR THE WORK OF THE UN LABORATORY. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE OF NEED FOR CONTINUOUS RESEARCH ON CANNABIS, PAPAVER BRACTEATUM, IMPROVEMENT OF YIELDS

OF PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM, AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL SIGNATURES OF SUBSTANCES FOUND IN ILLICIT TRAFFIC.

8. THEREAFTER, COMMISSION DISCUSSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CANNABIS PROBLEM INTRODUCED BY FRG, FRANCE, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND TOGO. EGYPT PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT (SUPPORTED BY U.S.) INTRODUCING DESIRABILITY OF TAKING ALL PRACTICABLE MEASURES FOR TREATMENT OF CANNABIS ABUSERS AND OF ACCELERATING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REGARDING CANNABIS. REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, INDIA, USSR, AND YUGOSLAVIA ALSO PROPOSED VARIOUS CHANGES. CONSENSUS OF CND IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON CANNABIS NOTWITHSTANDING INTERVENTION OF NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SAID CND PREOCCUPATION WITH CANNABIS MAY BE TAKEN AS DIMINISHING INTEREST IN GROWING HEROIN PROBLEM IN MANY COUNTRIES.

9. SUBSEQUENTLY, ORIGINAL SPONSORS OF RESOLUTION AND PROPONENTS OF AMENDMENTS MET AND DRAFTED NEW TEXT, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED FEB. 21, 1975 WITH AUSTRALIA, INDIA, USSR, AND YUGOSLAVIA SHOWN AS COSPONSORS. TIME NOT SET FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION. SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL BE SENT FOLLOWING ADOPTION.

10. ILLIC TRAFFIC. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ESSENTIAL TO ELIMINATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ILLICIT TRAFFIC, VARIOUS OTHER CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. AMONG THESE WERE CONCERN OVER EVIDENCE OF INCREASING TRAFFIC IN LIQUID CANNABIS, OVER TURKISH RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION (DESCRIBED SEPTIL), OVER INCREASED TRAFFIC IN COCAINE, OVER PRESENT INADEQUATE CONTROL OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. EUROPEAN DELEGATES ALSO EXPRESSED DISMAY OVER INCREASING APPEARANCES IN EUROPE OF ASIAN HEROIN. SEVERAL DELEGATES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DEA COOPERATION WITH THEIR DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS. DALE

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